

REMARKS

In the Office Action issued on November 20, 2007, the Examiner stated that the application contains groups of inventions that are not linked so as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. On this basis, the Examiner has divided pending claims 1-28 into four groups and has requested the election of one of those groups for further prosecution. The four groups are as follows:

Group I: claims 1-17, drawn to an immunogenic conjugate, a polysaccharide, a conjugate product, and vaccine comprising a conjugate.

Group II: claims 18-22 and 24-27, drawn to the use of a modified polysaccharide, the use of a conjugated material, a process for the manufacture of a vaccine, a process for the preparation of a modified meningococcal Y polysaccharide, and a process for producing a conjugated product.

Group III: claim 23, drawn to a process of vaccinating a warm-blooded animal.

Group IV: claim 28, drawn to a combination meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-17, for further prosecution. The election is made without traverse.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3732, Order No. 13564-105030.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-3732, Order No. 13720-105030.

Respectfully submitted,
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